

Summary of Alternatives

Alternative A: No-Action	Common	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D
<p>Mission Goal One: Preserving & Protecting Resources</p> <p>The park’s acreage ceiling remains at current levels, with minor boundary adjustments as needed.</p> <p>All resources are stabilized and maintained in their current conditions, following current management practices.</p> <p>Limited interpretive vistas are maintained in the areas immediately surrounding the principal fortifications on selected battlefields.</p> <p>Collections and archives remain in existing spaces that lack appropriate environmental conditions, storage, access and security.</p> <p>Monuments are maintained and preserved using NPS standards.</p> <p>Poplar Grove National Cemetery would continue to be managed as is.</p>	<p>Resources, including historic structures, landscapes, archeological sites, monuments and collections that contribute to the significance of the park are stabilized, preserved and maintained in good condition.</p> <p>Poplar Grove National Cemetery is rehabilitated to reflect the original sense of contemplation, quiet, and solemnity.</p> <p>Natural systems are managed to maintain a healthy ecosystem while protecting the park’s cultural resources.</p> <p>Agricultural leasing activities maintain the rural character while protecting natural and cultural resources.</p> <p>Collections and archives are housed in a modern facility and preserved using contemporary conservation practices.</p> <p>No new monuments are installed in the park.</p>	<p>Battlefield Preservation Zone The park’s boundary is sufficient to preserve the nationally significant landscapes and battlefields associated with the Petersburg Campaign.</p> <p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone Forts, earthworks, structures, roads and objects integral to the battles are preserved to reflect the complexity of the campaign.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone The historic resources of City Point are preserved to reflect the continuum of uses through time.</p>	<p>Battlefield Preservation Zone The boundary is adequate to protect existing park structures, landscapes and battlefields.</p> <p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone Selected cultural resources—viewsheds, structures and earthworks—are rehabilitated to reveal and demonstrate military engineering and strategies.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone Appomattox Manor and associated buildings at Grant’s Headquarters at City Point are rehabilitated to reflect the diverse layers of history.</p>	<p>Battlefield Preservation Zone The park’s boundary is sufficient to provide visitors opportunities to access and experience the nationally significant landscapes and battlefields of the Petersburg Campaign.</p> <p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone The major battlefields that defined the 1864-1865 landscape—the pattern of forested to open fields-are rehabilitated so visitors can be fully involved in understanding the actions of the battles.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone The cultural landscape at City Point is rehabilitated to reflect the primary historic period of 1864-1865 while respecting the diverse layers of history.</p>
<p>Mission Goal Two: Interpretation & Education</p> <p>Auto-tour, ranger-led guided tours and use of walking trails at key sites continue to be the primary visitor experience.</p> <p>Interpretive themes remain unchanged; the audience remains unchanged.</p> <p>Educational programming reaches out to the Petersburg School District and other area schools.</p>	<p>Interpretive themes are expanded to convey a broader range of stories, activities, events and experiences related to military, social, political and economic issues surrounding the Petersburg Campaign in the context of the Civil War.</p> <p>Visitors are actively encouraged to visit key sites in the region that are related to the Petersburg Campaign.</p> <p>Partnerships with local school districts, universities and local businesses are expanded to provide opportunities for learning about the Petersburg Campaign.</p>	<p>Battlefield Preservation Zone Through wayside exhibits and trails, visitors experience the quiet natural and pastoral setting of the battlefields.</p> <p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone Visitors use the park’s tour road, structures, and battlefields along with wayside exhibits, guided tours and other means to understand the battle events and importance of preservation.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone Visitors use Appomattox Manor, Grant’s Cabin and the waterfront at City Point along with wayside exhibits and guided tours to understand the site’s diverse layers of history.</p> <p>Visitors use the wayside exhibits, self-guided tours, and seasonal presentations to experience the historic setting of Poplar Grove National Cemetery.</p>	<p>Battlefield Preservation Zone Through wayside exhibits and trails, visitors experience the quiet natural and pastoral setting of the battlefields.</p> <p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone Visitors experience a comprehensive and dynamic interpretive program through enhanced media, interactive exhibits, special presentations and ranger activities.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone Visitors experience the continuum of uses over time through enhanced media, living history presentations and special programs to understand City Point’s importance as an early settlement, plantation, Civil War logistical headquarters and supply base.</p> <p>Visitors use the historic streetscape in Old Town Petersburg along with guided tours, museums, wayside exhibits and other means to understand the impacts of the siege on the city.</p> <p>Enhanced interpretive media, special presentations and guided tours, at Poplar Grove National Cemetery, are used by visitors to understand the ultimate sacrifices of war.</p>	<p>Battlefield Preservation Zone Visitors move through the rehabilitated 1864/1865 battlefield landscapes using trails, wayside exhibits and guided tours to explore and understand the battle actions.</p> <p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone Movement through and experience of the rehabilitated 1864/1865 landscape helps the visitor understand the various decisive battles that helped shape the Campaign.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone The rehabilitated historic buildings and features associated with Appomattox Manor landscape, Grant’s Cabin and the water-front at City Point are used by visitors along with guided tours, enhanced media and wayside exhibits to understand the continuum of uses through time.</p> <p>Visitors use the historic streetscape in Old Town Petersburg along with guided tours, museums, wayside exhibits and other means to understand the impacts of the siege on the city.</p> <p>The historic features and setting of Poplar Grove National Cemetery, along with guided tours, wayside exhibits and special presentations, are used by visitors to understand the commemorative landscape.</p>
<p>Mission Goal Three: Visitor Use & Facilities</p> <p>Existing facilities continue to provide for visitor orientation, interpretation, comfort and recreation, with limited development of new facilities.</p> <p>The system of tour roads and directional signage are difficult to understand.</p>	<p>Major visitor services, facilities and support uses are located where they would have little or no impact on significant cultural landscape resources.</p> <p>Visitor facilities are adequate to accommodate a range of visitor services.</p> <p>Alternative modes of transportation between park units are available with the supporting infrastructure, tracing the distance and progression of the campaign.</p> <p>Visitors use the way-finding system of maps, signage and other materials to easily find park units.</p>	<p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone Visitors receive primary orientation to the park, its resources and an overview of the Petersburg Campaign at the Eastern Front Visitor center.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone Appomattox Manor serves as a contact station providing information about that site and directing visitors to the Eastern Front Visitor Center.</p> <p>Comfort facilities are improved at Poplar Grove National Cemetery.</p>	<p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone The improved interpretive center provides visitors with a full range of services, orientation to the park, and an understanding of the Eastern Front stories and resources.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone The historic Bonaccord House is rehabilitated as a visitor contact station and provides a full orientation to the park, campaign and local stories.</p> <p>The development of a new visitor contact station that orients visitors to historic resources in Old Town, the park and the region is explored with the City of Petersburg and other partners.</p> <p>A new visitor contact station at the Poplar Grove superintendent’s lodge orients visitors to western battlefields, the park and the region.</p> <p>Park Development Zone The historic Operations building is rehabilitated to serve as the park’s new education and training facility.</p>	<p>Battlefield Interpretive Zone Visitors receive orientation to the park, its resources and an overview of the Petersburg Campaign at the Eastern Front Visitor Center.</p> <p>Historic Interpretive Zone The historic Bonaccord House is rehabilitated as a visitor contact station and provides a full orientation to the park, campaign and local stories.</p> <p>The development of a new visitor contact station that orients visitors to historic resources in Old Town, the park and the region is explored with the City of Petersburg and other partners.</p> <p>A new visitor contact station at the Poplar Grove superintendent’s lodge orients visitors to western battlefields, the park and the region.</p> <p>Comfort facilities are provided at Hatchers Run and Reams Station.</p> <p>Park Development Zone The historic Operations building is rehabilitated to serve as the park’s new education and training facility.</p>
<p>Mission Goal Four: Organizational Efficiency</p> <p>The park continues to be an advocate for battlefield conservation and maintains its cooperative and collaborative relationships with associations and local jurisdictions.</p> <p>Park maintenance, administration and housing of seasonal employees are accommodated in existing buildings.</p>	<p>The park fosters partnerships and participates in programs and initiatives to preserve battlefield resources related to the Petersburg Campaign.</p> <p>Existing partnerships are maintained and strengthened, and new partnerships are forged, expanding NPS’ ability to protect park resources and provide high quality visitor interpretation and experience.</p> <p>There is increased collaboration among NPS Civil War parks in the region.</p>	<p>Same as “Common”.</p>	<p>Same as “Common”.</p>	<p>Same as “Common”.</p>